



Invitation

Training and Workshop “Dialogue for Peace in Europe: Through Intercultural, Interreligious Dialogue and Spiritual Development”

3–6 March 2018, Vienna, Austria

NOTE: Participants are requested to arrive on **FRIDAY, 2 March 2018**, in the afternoon / evening and leave from **WEDNESDAY, 7 March 2018**, in the morning.

Background

With reference to the Regional Scout Plan 2016 – 2019 and following the successful implementation of the Work Plan 2017 “Scouting for Peace” project co-financed by the Council of Europe – European Youth Foundation, the Messenger of Peace Support Fund and in collaboration with KAICIID – The International Dialogue Centre, it was decided to continue the collaboration between the European Scout Region and The International Dialogue Centre in Peace Education, intercultural and interreligious dialogue and open spiritual development. The aspects to be stressed in the Peace Education Programme in Europe are:

- Promoting tolerance among young people, with a special focus on minorities, immigrants and refugees;
- Fighting racism and extremism through positive actions and narratives;
- Encouraging interreligious and intercultural dialogue between young people through dedicated activities included in the Scouting programme.

Aims

The “Dialogue for Peace in Europe: Through Intercultural, Interreligious Dialogue and Spiritual Development” aims at:

- Training young leaders willing to support the work of the European Scout Interreligious Forum (ESIF), the Spiriteco Network and the Overture Network as Dialogue for Peace Facilitators, and
- to enhance the Dialogue for Peace manual with reference documents and activities on interreligious and intercultural dialogue and spiritual development. All documents and activities will be made available worldwide

KAICIID experts will provide the participants with knowledge on human perceptions and misperceptions, cultural identities, the principles of dialogue, and designing and facilitating dialogue.

Objectives

- To train 36 facilitators on Dialogue for Peace
- To enhance the Dialogue for Peace Manual with reference documents and activities, with particular intention to respond to the needs and realities of the European society and NSO/NSA active in Europe.
- To strengthen the capacity of the different networks (ESIF, Spiriteco, Overture Network) to use Dialogue for Peace - Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue and Spiritual Development as tool to build more peaceful societies in Europe through the education of young people.

- To achieve a multiplying effect of the Dialogue for Peace - Peace Education programme in Scouting
- To offer a safe space for networking and exchange of experience between the Scouts and expert partners on the topic of Peace Education.

Dates

Participants are requested to arrive on **FRIDAY, 2 March 2018** in the afternoon / evening and leave **WEDNESDAY, 7 March 2018** in the morning.

Venue

The event will take place at the [Wassergspreng National Scout Centre](#), Wassergspreng 1, A-2371 Hinterbrühl-Weissenbach (near Vienna, Austria).

The accommodation will be the basis of shared rooms (dormitories) and the training will take place at the same location.

Methodology

To meet all the learning styles and needs, a variety of Scouting methods will be used, such as: presentations, case studies, self-directed learning, role-plays, debriefs, simulations, brainstorming and reflection groups.

To bring in a cohesive and relevant approach to the Peace Education Programme in Europe, the event is divided in three components:

- Training for Facilitators on Dialogue for Peace – **2 days**

- Inputs on interreligious, spiritual development and diversity and inclusion (3 topics to be defined) to the Dialogue for Peace Manual – **1.5 days**
- Network meetings – **0.5 days**
To adjust their respective action plans to the results of the training / workshop

This will be done through the engagement of the existing networks (ESIF, Spiriteco and Overture Network) in evaluating the existing tools and documents against the needs of the NSOs and propose changes and updates where necessary.

Follow-up

The Diversity and Inclusion Group of the European Scout Region will follow up on:

- the work implemented by the participants in their respective countries,
- the review and / or finalisation of different tasks by the different Networks (ESIF, Spiriteco and Overture)
- ensure the dissemination of the tools and reference documents worldwide
- contact the participants prior to the European Scout Conference to provide feedback on their experiences and challenges
- keep an overview and support transversal working approach of the different network

Languages

The event "Dialogue for Peace in Europe: Through Intercultural, Interreligious Dialogue and Spiritual Development" will be held in English.

Participants profile

The event will gather participants that are:

- engaged in the European Scout Interreligious Forum, the Spiriteco Network or the Overture Network
- active or interested to work in interreligious and intercultural dialogue and spiritual development at regional or national level

Participants are requested to provide an intention letter describing their experience in Education for Peace and the actions to be implemented after the event in their NSOs.

Number of participants

The event is designed to accept up to 36 participants.

In terms of number of participants per Network, the final figures will depend on the registration process and in particular who the participants will be representing and where they will be implementing their personal action plans.

To maximise the impact of the event, the selection will be done by the Networks leaders and the Europe Support Centre, looking at the geographical coverage and the level of action (national or regional).

Nevertheless, 2 participants per NSA/NSO maximum

In case of numerous registrations, the **first-in first - served** principle will be applied

Applications

The enclosed application form, or photocopies, should be mailed to the World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre, Geneva or e-mailed to europa@scout.org by

Wednesday, 31 January 2018.

If the application is sent by e-mail, please send it through your national office or International Commissioner (to confirm the support from your national association). Applications received directly from individuals will be referred back to the association.

Participation fee

The participation fee is **EUR 30.00** per participant.

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Friday, 2 March 2018 to breakfast on Wednesday, 7 March 2018.

The travel costs from the country of residence to Vienna, Austria and return will be reimbursed up to 70%, on the basis of agreed travel costs between the organisation and the organiser of the event.

Travel arrangements

Please note that completion of the application form does not necessarily mean that applicants are accepted onto the event. Please do not book travel until participants have been selected, and have been advised in an acceptance letter which will be sent by **5 February 2018**. Only then should they make their own travel arrangements and obtain a visa, if necessary. If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this clearly on your application form.

Please be aware, that it may take up to six weeks to obtain a visa, so please send your visa form with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for that process.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

Insurance

The WOSM - European Region does not cover the participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue. Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...).

Planning Team

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Annexes

- Application Form (in English only)
- Draft programme (in English only)